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(54) Title: COMBINATION OF ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTIC AND SEROTONIN REUPTAKE INHIBITOR FOR THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PAIN

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to the use of the combined action of an atypical antipsychotic and a serotonin reuptake inhibitor for the treatment of chronic pain. Examples of atypical antipsychotics include olanzapine, clozapine, risperidone, serindole, quetiapine, and ziprasidone. Serotonin reuptake inhibitors include fluoxetine, venlafaxine, citalopram, fluvoxamine, paroxetine, sertraline, milnacipran and duloxetine. Fibromyalgia, inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain, chronic fatigue syndrome etc. are included in the definition of chronic pain.



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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 97 35584 A (LILLY CO ELI) 2 October 1997 (1997-10-02) claims 1,2 page 1, line 4 - line 16 page 2, line 34 -page 3, line 2 ---	1-7
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	<p> DATABASE EMBASE [Online] ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, AMSTERDAM, NL AN 2002290326; FE-BORNSTEIN M. ET AL: "Improvement in the level of psychosocial functioning in chronic pain patients with the use of risperidone" XP002255676 abstract & PAIN MEDICINE, vol. 3, no. 2, 2002, pages 128-131, ISSN: 1526-2375 ----- </p>	1-7

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 7
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-6, partly
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 7

Claim 7 relates to a method of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or by therapy/a diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body/Rule 39.1(iv). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for this claim. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-6, partly

The initial phase of the search revealed a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claims may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT). For these reasons, a meaningful search over the whole breadth of the claims is impossible.

Furthermore, present claims 1-7 relate to the use of a combined formulation defined by the following expressions:

E1: atypical antipsychotic
E2: serotonin reuptake inhibitor
E3: chronic pain

The use of these expressions in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. For example, the Applicant considers that the definition of chronic pain embraces e.g. pain associated with viral infection, chronic fatigue syndrome and any pain arising as a consequence of, or associated with depressive illness.

Consequently, the search has focused on the combination of claims 2, 4 and 6.

Further, the search has covered the general aspects of the invention to some extent, although it lacks the necessary precision in the definition of the subject matter. Consequently, the search for the general concept will retrieve a pertinent document only if this concept is described in general terms in a reference. Specific solutions previously known and falling under the general concept - but failing to mention this fact - are likely not to be revealed in such a search.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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